EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2017-10

"BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF SEBASTIAN, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED":

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-8 DESIGNATING FIRE FIGHTING DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. County Ordinance 2017-8 is amended to adopt revisions to the fire districts assigned portions of the former Jenny Lind fire district. Four fire fighting districts have been revised as follow. Bonanza, which has not been assigned any of the former Jenny Lind fire district based on the distance from the Bonanza fire station. White Bluff/Rye Hill is assigned the Western portion of the former Jenny Lind fire district including the fire station on Old Jenny Lind Loop. Greenwood Rural is assigned the Eastern portion of the former Jenny Lind fire district including the fire station on Gate Nine Road. EMP is assigned the Southern portion of the former Jenny Lind fire district for roads off of Sturgeon Road. These four fire fighting districts are hereby adopted as set forth on attachment A.

Section 2. Provision of fire protection services to county citizens and property is an essential public safety concern. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from after its passage and approval.

DATED 4/18/2017 APPROVED Turif Africkan

ATTEST Sharin Briots

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2017-8

"BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF SEBASTIAN, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED":

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING FIRE FIGHTING DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. In accordance with the 2016 - 2017 assessment of the Sebastian county rural fire system the following assignment of fire districts to fire departments is set forth. The eight fire fighting districts as set forth on attachment A are hereby adopted and assigned to the eight rural fire departments as set forth including Riverdale, Big Creek, Greenwood Rural, WhiteBluff, EMP, Milltown, Midland and Sugarloaf. An agreement between the City of Midland and Sebastian County addresses the Midland Rural Fire Department Fire Station. The five city rural fire fighting districts as set forth on Attachment A are hereby adopted and assigned to the five City / Rural Fire Departments of Bonanza, Hackett, Huntington, Mansfield and Hartford. By agreements with the five City Governments, the City / Rural Fire Departments are made a part of the Sebastian County Rural Fire Protection System.

Section 2. The eight rural fire departments will be financially supported by allocation of County Sales Tax funds contingent upon entering into an annual agreement to provide fire fighting services, and the five city rural fire departments by agreement and planned interlocal agreement. Coordination and continued participation with the Sebastian County Fire Association shall be required for continued eligibility for county sales tax funding allocation under the 2017 fire agreements between the County and Rural Fire Departments and City Rural Fire Departments.

Section 3. The County Judge working with each of the eight Rural Fire Departments and five City/Rural Fire Departments shall compile fire department operational data and submit an annual fire report to the Quorum Court in the March regular meeting, for the prior year. The fire system report shall include fire department revenue and expenses, fund balance, run reports, fire department roster, fire truck inventory, fire fighter training records, pump test records, participation in training exercises and other pertinent information. The annual report shall also include an assessment of the ISO rating of each fire department and address recommended areas needed for

improvement. Each rural and city rural fire department shall provide full and complete access to all fire operations records including training, equipment and gear inventories, pump test documentation, fire hose test documentation, fire roster and training records to support and assist in the preparation of the annual fire report.

Section 4. The County Judge shall evaluate the effectiveness of the Fire Districts fire response each year by working closely with a process of selfassessment by the Fire Departments and evaluation of the annual fire report set forth in section 3. The basis of the annual evaluation by the fire chiefs is to collectively evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the fire system on a department by department basis from the fire chiefs perspective. The annual fire report and fire system evaluation will be utilized to confirm fire district assignment to each fire department including the system for 911 dispatch. The annual self-assessment will consider departmental collaboration, cooperation and participation in joint training exercises, and related operational fire scene command and control effectiveness as a part of the county rural fire system. The annual fire report and fire department self-assessment and related review by the County Judge will be considered for assignment of fire fighting districts to each fire department, as implemented by Quorum Court ordinance, and the annual renewal of the fire services agreement for allocation of county sales tax funds.

Section 5. Provision of fire protection services to county citizens and property is an essential public safety concern. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from after its passage and approval.

ATTEST Shewin Brush

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